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In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2001, the Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks:

***In the Drawings:***

Amended Figures 6 and 7 are submitted as substitute drawings.

***In the Claims:***

**Please amend the claims to read as follows:**

1. A charge holder for accepting an explosive charge in a case, said charge holder comprising:

a loading tube including at least one hole disposed through a wall of said loading

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